IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 and ADD new claim 19 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for setting an environment of a client in a client/server system, said apparatus comprising:

a unit recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed;

a unit that installs data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof, <u>said data being installed on said client by an agent residing on said client according to a reading of an execution script residing on the server,</u> wherein:

a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data, one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected, the selected one kind of data comprising data backed up in the environment just before the replacement, said unit periodically acquiring the selected one kind of data from said client before said replacement;

the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client; and

said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for setting an environment of a client in a client/server system, said apparatus comprising:

a unit recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed;

a unit that installs data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client

before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof, <u>said data being installed on said client by an agent residing on said client according to a reading of an execution script residing on the server,</u> wherein:

a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data,

one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected,

the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client, and

the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client; and

an application program included in the data, which is backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client, is updated to the latest version thereof until the replacement of said hard disk.

5.   (CANCELLED)

6.   (CANCELLED)

7.   (CANCELLED)

8.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system, said method comprising:

recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed; installing data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof, <u>said data being installed on said client by an agent residing on said client according to a reading of an execution script residing on the server,</u> wherein:

a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data,

one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected,

the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment just before the replacement, the selected one kind of data being periodically acquired from said client before said replacement and

the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client; and

said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable program recording medium recording a program causing a computer to set the environment of a client in a client/server system, by:

recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed;

installing data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof, said data being installed on said client by an agent residing on said client according to a reading of an execution script residing on the server, wherein:

a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data,

one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected,

the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client,

the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client,

an application program included in the data, which is backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client, is updated to the latest version thereof until the replacement of said hard disk.

10.   (CANCELLED)

11.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 3, wherein said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.

12.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 4, wherein said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.

13.   (CANCELLED)

14.   (CANCELLED)

15.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 3, wherein said client periodically sends document data to said server.

16.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 4, wherein said client periodically sends document data to said server.

17.   (CANCELLED)

18.   (CANCELLED)

19.   (NEW) A method for automatically setting an environment of a client computer in a client/server system, comprising:

instructing an agent residing on the client to install data on the client according to a reading of a script residing on the server.